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Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event

Kerrville, Texas (October 24, 2014) – On Saturday, November 8, 2014, the Solid Waste Division of the City of Kerrville Public Works Department will be hosting its annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection event. The event will be held at the Community Recycling Center located at 500 Hays Street and the collection hours will be between 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. This event is open for both City of Kerrville and Kerr County residents only and not intended for commercial businesses. To prepare for the event, the Community Recycling Center will be closing at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, November 7, 2014.

Residents wishing to discard items will be asked to form one line on McFarland Street from Paschal Avenue. Please be advised that Rodriguez Street will be closed to through traffic from McFarland to Schreiner Street for this event. "This is a great opportunity for residents to discard unwanted household hazardous waste for free," stated David Barrera, Solid Waste & Environmental Specialist, "it also provides the opportunity to practice good

stewardship and doing your part to help out the environment." Although proper disposal of these items is important, so is minimizing what is accumulated. Listed below are a few tips:

- Look for alternatives to certain solutions that you commonly use (ex: use 1/8 cup of white vinegar and 1 cup water to make a window cleaner);
- Buy in smaller quantities;
- Ask a neighbor, family member, or a charity to see if they are in need of some items you might have stored away;
- Latex water based paint may be set out to dry completely and then disposed of with your household garbage. (It is recommended to do this in small quantities)

Please be sure to store and transport items carefully and away from the driver as well as any passengers. Do not mix or consolidate products and properly seal any containers to prevent leaking. Personnel may refuse material not considered appropriate for this event.

Listed below are general guidelines for items accepted during the event:

- Automotive: passenger tires only (limit eight), batteries, cleaners and antifreeze;
- **Gardening:** pesticides, insecticides, fungicides, and herbicides;
- Cleaning: drain, oven and household cleaners, and pool chemicals;
- Paint Products: latex or oil based, stains, thinners, and removers;
- **Tanks:** propane tanks <50lbs. capacity with a removable valve;
- Mercury: thermometers, thermostats and any other small devices;
- Fluorescent light bulbs.

The following items will not be accepted: televisions, CRT computer monitors, ammunition, explosives, biohazards, radioactive material, gas cylinders, prescription drugs, and used motor oil.

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Photo from the 2013 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event ####